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SUBJ: EC DISCUSSION OF PHOSPHATE PROBLEM

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1. WE APPRECIATE EXCELLENT RUNDOWN IN REF A) OF
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN COMMISSION ON PHOSPHATE
FERTILIZER PROBLEM. WE ASSUME FROM IT THAT FRENCH IN-
VOCATION OF REGULATION 1439 WOULD PERMIT INTRODUCTION
OF GATT ARTICLE 19 IMPORT QUOTAS DESPITE FACT THAT
PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS ARE ON LIBERALIZED LIST. THAT
WOULD AT LEAST (1) GIVE SEMBLANCE OF LEGITIMACY TO
DE FACTO QUOTA SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN ENFORCED SINCE
LAST AUGUST; (2) REMOVE CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES AS TO
HOW MUCH US FERTILIZER CAN BE SAFELY SHIPPED TO
WHICH FRENCH IMPORTERS; AND (3) PERMIT US TO SEEK
COMPENSATION ON OTHER TARIFF ITEMS.

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2. WHAT WE ARE NOT CLEAR ABOUT, HOWEVER, IS
OBJECTIVE OF "HIGH LEVEL APPROACH IN PARIS" SUGGESTED
IN FINAL SENTENCE OF REF A). UNLESS WE ARE
PREPARED TO OFFER SOME FORM OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT
FROM US SIDE ON VOLUME OR PRICING OF FERTILIZER
DELIVERIES, WE BELIEVE THAT DEMARCHE AT THIS STAGE

WOULD ONLY HASTEN RESORT TO ARTICLE 19 (SEE REF B).
WE ARE ALREADY PRESSING WITHOUT CONSPICUOUS SUCCESS
AT BOTH WORKING AND POLICY LEVELS TO GET
ADMINISTRATIVE VISAS FOR BEKER AND DEMUFERT CARGOES
OF DAP NOW IN BORDEAUX. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT
DEMUFERT NOW PLANS COURT ACTION, WHICH COULD BE
HELPFUL IN THEIR CASE.)

3. OUR READING IS THAT GOF IS PREPARED TO USE ANY
DEVICE, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, TO HOLD DOWN FERTILIZER
IMPORTS AND THAT REMONSTRATIONS FROM OUR SIDE,
UNACCOMPANIED BY OFFER TO RESTRAIN OUR EXPORTERS,
WOULD BE FRUITLESS AND PERHAPS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
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